

High School to College and Career Pathway: Secondary Career and Technical Education

Area of Study: Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Pathway: Early Childhood Education

Get the Facts

In Utah, there are over 110,000 two-parent families with both parents working who have children under the age of six.

Approximately 33 percent of all child care workers are self-employed.

5 percent of workers employed in child care are men.

Workforce Trends

According to Utah Department of Workforce Services, the annual growth rate for child care workers is projected to be 1.7 percent through the year 2022. Large concentrations of this occupation are found in the following industries: private households, social services, and educational services both public and private.



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION Recommended Pathway Courses

(Students may select individual courses for exploration, or a complete Pathway for an in-depth focus.)

CLASS AVAILABILITY MAY VARY AT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL

Course #	Foundation Courses: (required)	Credit
20.0102	Child Development	.50
20.0201	Early Childhood Education 1	1.00
20.0108	Food & Nutrition 1	.50
Elective Courses:		
52.0312	Accounting 1	.50
20.0117	Adult Roles and Financial Literacy	1.00
20.0107	Adult Roles and Responsibilities	.50
20.0211	Early Childhood Education 2 *	.50
20.0212	Early Childhood Internship	.50
20.0118	Food & Nutrition 2	.50
20.0138	Foundations of Nutrition *	.50
20.0112	Human Development	1.00
20.0111	Young Parents/Grad *	.50
32.0199	Workplace Skills	.50

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3.00 credits for completion

* Course can be taken up to 1.00 credit.

Foundation courses taken beyond the required credits can be used as elective credit.

Early Childhood Education is:

- > High skill
- > High demand

Sample Career Occupations

- > Administrator, Childcare Program
- > Child Care Aide/Worker
- > Counseling Psychologist
- > Elementary Education Teacher
- > Family and Consumer Sciences Education Teacher
- > Kindergarten Teacher
- > Preschool Teacher
- > Special Education Teacher
- > Social Worker
- > Teacher Assistant

In Utah, a child care worker must be licensed.

Middle School		State Requirements		High School Suggested Education Plan				College and Career
7th Grade	8th Grade	Middle School	High School	9th Grade Suggested	10th Grade Suggested	11th Grade Suggested	12th Grade Suggested	Beyond High School
Language Arts 7 1.00	Language Arts 8 1.00	2.00	Language Arts 4.00	Language Arts 9 1.00	Language Arts 10 1.00	Language Arts 11 1.00	Language Arts 12 1.00	<p>There are a number of options for education and training beyond high school, depending on your career goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Certificate > Associate degree > Bachelor's degree > Professional degree > On-the-job training > Apprenticeship > Military training <p>For more information on salary projections, labor market demand, and training options, visit UtahFutures.org.</p>
Math * 1.00	Math * 1.00	2.00	Math 3.00	Math * 1.00	Math * 1.00	Math * 1.00		
Science .50	Science 1.00	1.50	Science 3.00	Earth Systems 1.00	Biological Science 1.00	Additional Credit 1.00		
Utah Studies .50	U.S. History I 1.00	1.50	Social Studies 3.00	Geography for Life .50	World Civilizations .50	U.S. History II 1.00	U.S. Government and Citizenship .50	
P.E. 1.00	Health .50	1.50	General Financial Literacy .50	P.E./Health 2.00	P.E./Health 2.00			
The Arts .50	The Arts .50	1.00	Fine Arts 1.50	Participation Skills and Techniques .50	Fitness for Life .50 / Health Education .50 Lifetime Activities or Sport .50			
Keyboarding .50			Digital Literacy .50	Fine Arts Courses 1.50				
College & Career Awareness 1.00		1.00	CTE 1.00	Comp. Tech. or Exploring Computer Science .50		General Financial Literacy .50		
				Refer to Career and Technical Education box above.				

> * Talk to your school counselor about math requirements in the core curriculum. Core curriculum and elective requirements may vary district to district.
> Many CTE courses may qualify for concurrent enrollment credit, which in some cases may earn up to 1.0 credit toward Pathway completion. Talk to your school counselor about availability.

> Concurrent enrollment course offerings vary by school and district.
> Many Utah postsecondary programs accept high school courses toward a two- or four-year degree through concurrent enrollment. Check regional postsecondary Pathways for details.